

System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Marietta S. Robinson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2010.

Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2016.

James J. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Deborah S. Delisle, of South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years. **Pages S78–79**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Scott C. Doney, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

Timothy Charles Scheve, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight

Board for a term expiring September 14, 2015, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on March 17, 2011.

Gloria Wilson Shelton, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on June 22, 2011. **Page S79**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S78.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3811–3823; and 4 resolutions, H.Res. 523–526 were introduced. **Page H158**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H159–60**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 522, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1173) to repeal the CLASS program (H. Rept. 112–375). **Page H158**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H117**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H127**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Kate Braestrup, Maine Warden Service, Lincolnville, Maine. **Page H127**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011:*** H.R. 2070, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 8; **Pages H131–32, H149–50**

***War Memorial Protection Act:*** H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols; **Pages H132–34**

***Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2012:*** H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program; and **Pages H135–137**

***Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the passage of a fiscal year 2013 Federal budget is of national importance:*** H. Res. 516, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the passage of a fiscal year 2013 Federal budget is of national importance, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 7. **Pages H143–48, H149**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to the Capps motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630 by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 9. **Pages H137–43, H150–51**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H148**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act:*** H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks. **Pages H134–35**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 25th. **Page H151**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m. **Page H151**

**State of the Union Address:** President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 96. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Hensarling, Sessions, Price (GA), McMorris Rodgers, Carter, Pelosi, Hoyer, Larson (CT), Becerra, Clyburn, Israel, and Sutton and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Stabenow, Begich, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Barrasso, Thune, Cornyn, and Blunt. The President’s message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–76). **Pages H151–56**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H127–28.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1134 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and the Budget. **Page H156**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H149, H149–50, H150. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSPECTIVES ON FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS EFFORTS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Full Committee held a hearing on Department of Defense Perspectives on Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Efforts. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on the Budget:** Full Committee began mark-up of the following: H.R. 3582, the “Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011”; H.R. 3578, the “Baseline Reform Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3581, the “Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2011.” The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3582, H.R. 3578, and H.R. 3581.

### HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN VIETNAM

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Examining Ongoing Human Rights Abuses in Vietnam.” Testimony was heard from Anh